Athena Yearbook

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Academics

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Chaddock + Morrow College of Fine Arts

A world-class, thriving arts incubator.

At Ohio University's Chaddock + Morrow College of Fine Arts, students partner with world-class faculty to produce collaborative work with community impact as part of a thriving arts incubator. The college delivers a student experience as transformative as art itself, preparing students for lifelong careers as makers, creators and leaders. Graduates become a part of something bigger, meeting collaborators and mentors committed to their lifelong success and connecting to a larger community of artists in a unique part of the world that is rich with inspiration and embraces creative risk.

Interim Dean: Jody Lamb, Ph.D.

1 - Photo Courtesy of The Chaddock + Morrow College of Fine Arts

College of Arts and Sciences

Preparing students to be leaders, innovators and change makers.

The college's students are encouraged to roll up their sleeves, explore emerging interests, and participate in applied research and service opportunities to build sustainable communities and solve real-world problems here in Appalachia and beyond. Graduates are equipped to not only be marketable and successful professionals, but also the thinkers, innovators, and leaders who will drive communities and industries forever forward.

Dean: Matthew Ando, Ph.D.

2 - Photo Courtesy of College of Arts and Sciences

College of Business

It's not about one experience, it's about all of them.

The college understands it takes more than one great internship or even a degree to build a successful career – that's why its approach ensures students have the multiple, varied experiences required to build real business skills. The college's faculty and staff work with students to create layered, personalized academic plans and comprehensive, diverse experiences that build the know-how and character it takes to disrupt, impact and lead any business.

Dean: Jackie Rees Ulmer, Ph.D.

3 - Photo Courtesy of College of Business

College of Health Sciences and Professions

One of the nation's largest health-focused colleges and a leader in population health.

Now more than ever, we recognize health is bigger and more complex than simply treating disease. Health impacts every facet of life, from the economy to education. The college is one of the nation's largest health-focused colleges. But, more importantly, the college's innovative approach to addressing health -- what affects it, who provides it and how to improve it – is big. It provides students with access to both a broad network of top hospital and clinical settings statewide and the opportunity to serve the underserved in rural communities. And, as a leader in population health, the college embraces community partnerships to build collaborative, scalable solutions capable of meeting the era's biggest crises and challenges.

Dean: John McCarthy, Ph.D.

4 - Photo Courtesy of College of Health Sciences and Professions

Honors Tutorial College

Leading the industry in individualized education for high-achieving students.

The HTC Tutorial Programs provide high-achieving students with flexibility to pursue their academic interests in intensive one-on-one and small-group tutorials with faculty. With 35 programs of study, students choose a topic to study and dive in. They find themselves in uncommon places is a common occurrence. The college provides exceptional, driven, and intellectually curious students the opportunity to pursue their passions and discover new interests through tailored, rigorous individual study—even if it falls outside of OHIO's extensive course offerings.

Dean: Kristina Bross, Ph.D.

5 - Photo Courtesy of Honors Tutorial College

Gladys W. and David H. Patton College of Education

Preparing graduates who are ready to lead, to drive change, to improve outcomes and to continually answer the call.

The Patton College is the home to excellent academic programs housed in four academic departments: Counseling and Higher Education, Educational Studies, Recreation, Sports Pedagogy, and Consumer Sciences, and Teacher Education. The college is committed to creating lasting changes that make the fields of education and human services more inclusive, both in practice and in the way people think about them. This work isn't easy, and that's exactly what keeps them stepping up to the challenge.

Dean: Lisa Harrison, Ph.D.

6 - Courtesy of The Patton College of Education

Russ College of Engineering and Technology

Delivering experiences that build students ready to change the world for the better.

At the Russ College of Engineering and Technology, we know that employers prefer professionals who are custom-tailored, never mass-produced. From late-night research sessions with top-publishing faculty members to national competitions that connect future collaborators, personalized experiences prepare students better in four years than many programs do in five. More than 96 percent of Russ College students graduate with job offers in hand and prepared to change the world for the better.

Dean: Patrick Fox, Ph.D.

Scripps College of Communication

Producing the world's best storytellers with hands-on experience in the field's emerging technologies and latest innovations.

At the Scripps College of Communication, one thing hasn't changed – the college has always been at the forefront of this dynamic industry. Its legendary programs in journalism and visual communication have been churning out Pulitzer-winning, industry-defining journalists and photographers for decades, but it is also leading the charge in teaching emerging technologies, interdisciplinary collaboration, and strategies for storytelling in an ever-more-connected world.

Dean: Scott Titsworth, Ph.D.

7 - Courtesy of Scripps College of Communication

University College

Serving students and ensuring success.

University College serves students who have not yet declared a major, houses a small set of unique or interdisciplinary degrees, and provides institutional leadership across colleges in order to promote student success. The college provides a number of university-wide services and is home to key units such as the Allen Center, Academic Achievement Center, the Center for Community Engagement, Learning Communities, and Signature Academic Experiences that help all undergraduates attain academic success.

Dean: David Nguyen, Ph.D.

8 - Courtesy of University College

Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Service

A leader in building partnerships to find solutions to challenges facing communities, the economy and the environment.

The Voinovich School finds solutions to challenges facing our rural region and scales them across the whole of Appalachia and beyond. Through public-private partnerships with statewide networks, the school uses an innovative approach to economic growth and opportunity, social impact and sustainability, and leadership and community building to deliver resources and expertise. The school's graduate students in public affairs, environmental studies and sustainability have opportunities to be involved in countless community projects.

Dean: Tracy Plouck

9 - Courtesy of Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Service

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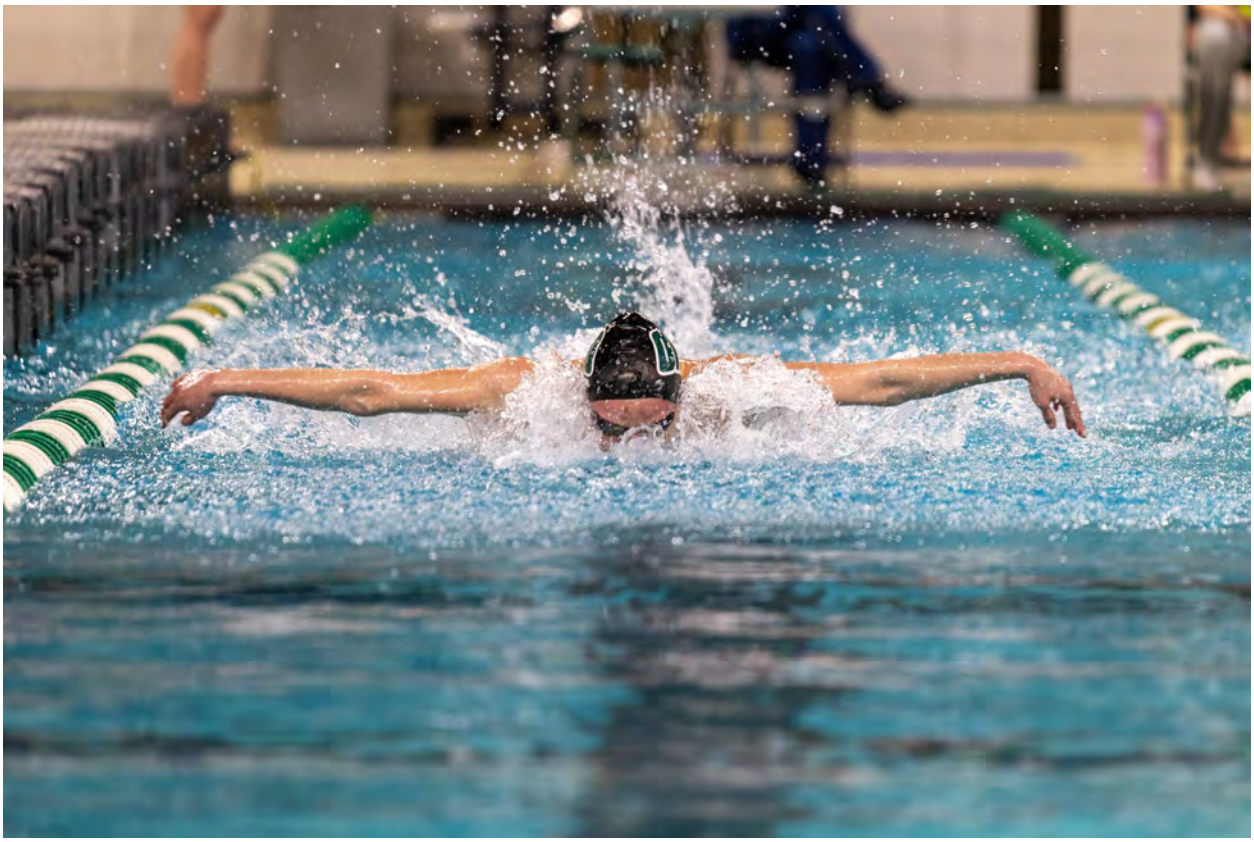
Athletics



Edie Sawyer is a senior at Ohio University this year studying journalism with a minor in marketing. She is a student athlete on the swim team.

I interviewed her to get a sense of the program here after their home meet on February 1st & 2nd vs. Eastern Michigan.

Sawyer has competed in both the 100M and 200M breaststroke events while at OHIO.

When I asked Sawyer how she prepares for a meet weekend, she said she makes sure she gets a good night's sleep; a hearty, but not too heavy, breakfast; and at least 30 minutes of warm up before the race. The atmosphere at a swim meet can be daunting, as there are tons of swimmers all focused on different events and fans chatting in an echoey environment. The challenge for a swimmer is to maintain their self-focus through it all. Sawyer explained that she

tries to remind herself that it's supposed to be fun and to stick to her routine so she doesn't get caught up in all the energy around her.

Last year Ohio University graduated 12 seniors from the swim team, representing a lot of great leaders for the group. Going into this year, Sawyer was anxious to see how the team dynamic would change. Losing so many people from one class also turned this team into a very young group, but Sawyer claims the team dynamic is better than ever. She attributed a lot of this to how close the team has gotten outside of practice and meets. This semester has been especially good so far after winter break. When mid-December rolls around and Bobcat students head home for break, the swim team stays to train for the next semester and are on a much emptier campus. Sawyer told me that this time is very special to her because the team members get to spend a lot more time with one another since they don't have class. This year, members focused on team bonding. The cookie decorating event was Sawyer's favorite.

Over Sawyer's time here, she's had three different assistant coaches and told me that is always an adjustment to make, but Zach Closson has been key for this year's team. Mason Norman has served as head coach for Sawyer's whole collegiate career, and Sawyer said he has been such a blessing to her. Sawyer says he prioritizes making great connections and coaching in diverse ways, specific to each swimmer.

Sawyer says people don't realize that swimming is a sport where you can't really miss a day of training. Even just taking Sundays off, Sawyer says she feels a little stiff getting back in the pool Monday. All of this training makes for a lot of time spent with teammates. She told me that the OU swim culture is the closest team to which she has ever been a part. Over the years she's been grateful for the openness of the girls to make true friendships and support each other fully.

"I came here my freshman year and I was really surprised how close our team was," she said. "It was really cool; I felt like everyone was together. There weren't any cliques or anything like that. Sometimes over the years that can happen, but I feel like at the end of the day we all support each other and love having each other's backs, we want the best for each other. We all love each other."

The Ohio Wrestling team, led by head coach Joel Greenlee, took on Central Michigan at a home meet in the afternoon of February 2nd.

Ohio had the opportunity to compete at the NWCA National Duels a month prior where they were defeated by Central Michigan and ended their participation in the competition by day two. Despite this defeat, Ohio Wrestling came back strong this weekend and took down Central Michigan 18-16. The team struggled in the first half but claimed their win in the end with a 4-1 decision for Redshirt senior Jordan Greer over his opponent Bryan Caves. At this point in the 2024 – 25 season, the Ohio Wrestling team had a record of 5 – 2.

1 - Photographer: Amberlee Gladwell

Ohio University Men's Basketball League

2 - Photographer: Charley Szydlyk

Men’s basketball had a 16-16(10-8 in the MAC) record this year led by Head Coach Jeff Boals for the sixth consecutive year, and assistant coaches Lamar Thornton, Kyle Barlow, and Lee Martin.

Ohio University's Women's Basketball

3 - Photographer: Amberlee Gladwell

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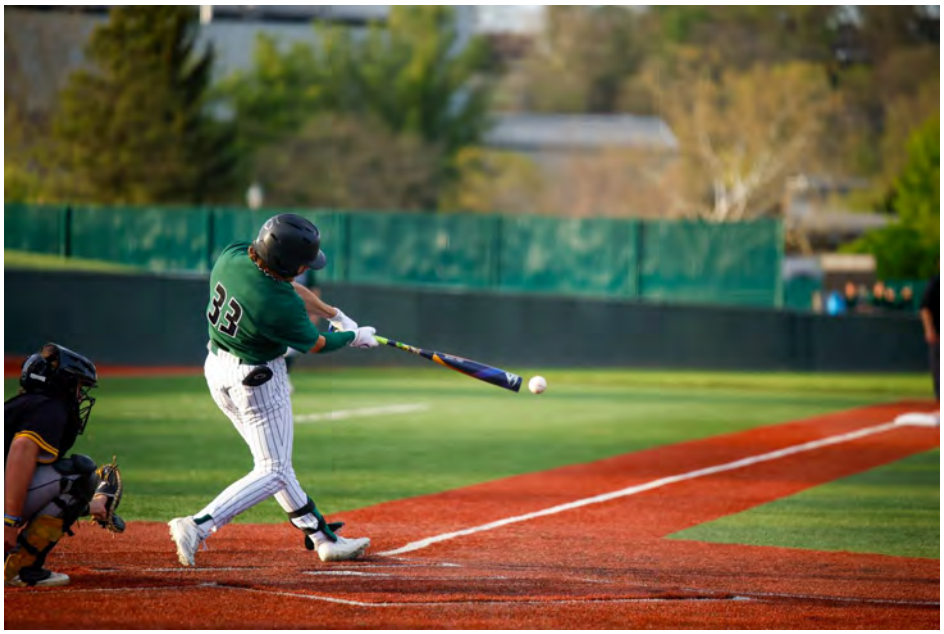
Ohio Baseball



4 - Photographer: Amberlee Gladwell

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Ohio Softball

5 - Photographer: Amberlee Gladwell

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This Year In Review

Halloween '24

1 - Photographer: Owen Hedberg

Students gather for another year to celebrate the spirit and excitement of Halloween, better known as HallOUweekend. The festivities do not stop after one evening but continue throughout the weekend. On Court Street, the City of Athens held its 50th Annual Halloween block party. The celebration included events for kids and adults alike. Members of the university and residents of Athens put on their best costumes and took to the streets for the annual parade partnered with Passion Works Studio. The celebration continued with live music from local musicians and bands, dancing, and more.

However, the celebration was not limited to Court Street. Many off-campus students and groups prepared their homes for party goers to go 'all-out' to celebrate Athen's favorite holiday. The Resident Hall Association also hosted on campus events, such as a trick-or-treat on each green for local families to participate in. This year, Ohio University allowed students to bring guests to take part in the spirit of Athens Halloween. While the number of guests was limited, it gave more people the opportunity to experience the festivities of one of the most anticipated weekends of the year.

2 - Photographer: Owen Hedberg

Dad's Weekend

Families gather on campus for another Dads Weekend. The family weekend event was held from Friday, November 1st to Sunday, November 3rd. To show our appreciation for all the bobcat dads visiting, Ohio University put on numerous events for the occasion. Events included game nights, live performances, and other community events for students and their families to enjoy the area of Athens County.

Dads Weekend would not be complete without a few dad jokes. Friday night included a sold-out live performance from the 'Impractical Jokers' star, Joe Gatto on his 'Let's Get Into It' tour. This OHIO Live event was held at the Templeton-Blackburn Alumni Memorial Auditorium with the performance kicking off at 8 p.m. Throughout the performance Gatto bantered with the crowd and kept spirits up with quick quips. The auditorium filled with laughter as the performer commented on Ohio University's rival, Miami University. His performance also included a few words of wisdom geared toward students in attendance.

Students and their fathers could start the day with a Family Hike at 9 a.m. on Saturday or Sunday with Outdoor Pursuits. These hikes are a great opportunity for quality time with family while enjoying the beautiful landscape of Athens before heading to Alden Open. Alden Open was a mini golf event held in Alden Library from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday. Another popular event for the weekend was the UPC's Dads Weekend Casino Royale held in Baker Center from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. The only gambling taking place was odds, as games were free to play and raffles were offered.

The weekend closed with Pancakes with the President: A Flying Flapjack Event in which breakfast would be served with Ohio University president, Lori Stewart Gonzalez. This last stop allowed students to enjoy a free breakfast with their families as they fueled up for their travel home.

3 - Photographer: Reece Merkel

Mom's Weekend

Moms gathered from far and wide for another eventful Mom's Weekend at Ohio University. Mom's Weekend was held April 4th – 6th featuring a variety of events. Some events included a pop-up thrift market, ceramics sale, and the International Street Fair. Moms packed the streets to enjoy quality time with their kids and to eat delicious food. The Athena Cinema also hosted their yearly showing of 'Mamma Mia!' for a relaxing theater experience of song and nostalgia. With all the variety of events hosted by both the university and community of Athens, it gave visiting families the opportunity to explore what Ohio University, and the city of Athens has to offer.

The most anticipated event of the weekend was a night with 'Dance Moms' star, Abby Lee Miller. Attendees packed the Templeton-Blackburn Alumni Memorial Auditorium to hear from the infamous dance instructor. Miller discussed the unseen side of 'Dance Moms' such as the audition process of the original cast, personal events in her life, and more. At the end of the event, Miller closed with a Q&A session with the audience. The event was reminiscent of a time when kids would sit down once a week for 30 minutes to bond over over-the-top moms and

their kids' lives at a dance studio. An evening with Abby Lee Miller felt like the audience was once again sitting on their couch, watching the dramatic dance instructor talk about her studio.

On Sunday, the weekend closed out with a brunch at Baker Center. At this event, moms and their kids were given the opportunity to create custom bouquets together. The weekend also concluded with a sendoff performance from the Ohio University Dance Team. The weekend gave many students their 'mom time' fill to help power through to the end of the semester.

4 - Photographer: Amberlee Gladwell

Siblings Weekend

2025 Ohio University Sib's weekend was one to remember!

This year's sibling's weekend was an action packed few days on February 7th through the 9th. The Athena Cinema featured a free showing of "Black Dynamite" with pre-show trivia and cocktails. Friday also featured a hockey game, wrestling meet and an OHIO Live performance with Matteo Lane, a New York based comedian that has been on Netflix's "The Comedy Line Up."

Saturday of sib's weekend was electric during the "neon night" men's basketball game vs. Appalachian State! The bobcats fell short to App State but had a strong performance that Bobcat siblings always love to see during these special weekends.

GLOHIO was another colorful event Saturday night filled with glow-in-the-dark mini golf, an LED dance floor, ping pong, foosball and cotton candy! Many bobcats and their sibs participated in

this before heading to the second hockey game of the weekend or the Sibs Weekend Concert with Mariah The Scientist! Mem Aud hosted this hip-hop singer-songwriter for a packed event and the sibs loved it.

There's no doubt that Sibs Weekend 2025 was eventful, but the best part was seeing students get to spend time with their siblings in their home away from home: Athens. A time was had, and memories were made. We hope that bobcat siblings had the best weekend and come back to spend more time with us!

5 - Photographer: Amberlee Gladwell

Influencer, Brittany Broski, visits OU

6 - Photographer: Elexis Spurlock

TikTok influencer Brittany Broski rose to fame in 2019 after a video of her comedic reaction to kombucha went viral. Since then, Broski has amassed over 7.5 million followers on her TikTok account and over 2 million on her Instagram. Some of her notable content includes her podcast, ‘The Broski Report,’ and a talk show titled ‘Royal Court.’ Also, Broski recently released her first single, a cover of ‘Adore You’ by Harry Styles on March 20th. Due to her large internet fame, she also attends award shows and other large mainstream events such as the American Music Awards and movie premieres for ‘Dune: Part Two.’ Broski's witty personality and effortless humor has led her to be loved by many, as her fans deem her the leader of Broski Nation.

7 - Photographer: Elexis Spurlock

The fearless leader of Broski Nation visited Ohio University on Saturday, February 27th. Tickets sold out almost immediately for this OHIO Live event. Students, staff, alumni, and more packed the Templeton-Blackburn Alumni Memorial Auditorium eagerly awaiting the arrival of their featured guest. 'An Evening of Conversation and Laughter with Brittany Broski' also featured Elizabeth Hendrickson, Professor and Director of Studies for the Honors Tutorial College, as the interviewer for the night. Throughout the evening, Broski discussed topics including her college experiences, interest in lifelong learning and her relationship with her body image and confidence. The night was not without some quips and nonsense, however. Both Hendrickson and Broski bantered back and forth throughout the night, drawing laughter and applause from the crowd. Broski's comedic performance made the audience feel as if they were guests on the Broski report for the night.

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Student Organizations

Vivid

1 - Photo courtesy of Vivid

"Vivid is a multimedia consulting organization founded by Nicole Bell and Isabella Jimenez. This semester we've provided marketing strategies and deliverables to five local businesses and student organizations here in Athens, all on a donation basis. We aim to build our portfolios as creatives while strengthening our resumes as professionals."

Variant Magazine

Variant is the first mass printed fashion magazine at Ohio University. Striving to be bold, deviant and progressive from the norm, Variant is a creative movement that inspires to explore the unexplored and break the stereotypical boundaries of fashion and pop culture.

Variant is both a print and online publication that values diversity and represents all types of cultures and identities in our issues. Our team provides students and contributors with hands-on experience in editorial, photography, videography, modeling, styling, set-design and event planning.

2 - Photographer: Olivia Lutz

Thread Magazine

Thread Magazine is a fashion and culture magazine here at Ohio University. The purpose of our organization is to encourage and support all individuals who want to express themselves through artistically-driven storytelling and visuals. We intend to bring individuality through an inclusive and thoughtful atmosphere. We give students an opportunity to try new skills or reinforce ones they already have, providing opportunities in photography, multimedia, public relations, writing, fashion, modeling, design, illustrations, and so much more. Thread Magazine's mission is to be a place for everyone — at all times. We publish 2 issues a semester as well as host events for philanthropy. Aside from this, our sections will also host workshops so students and members have an opportunity to learn new skills or possibly be introduced to something they didn't know they would be interested in. Thread Magazine allows students to practice and perfect real life skills they will carry with them after college.

3 - Photo Courtesy of Thread Magazine

Backdrop Magazine

Backdrop is an entirely student-produced lifestyle magazine. Founded in 2007, it is an outlet for Ohio University students to share their perspectives on issues such as politics, sex and health, entertainment and culture with regard to the university and its surroundings. Our magazine is published four times each academic year. Backdrop has a shelf life of several months, with long and short-form feature stories that aim to be both timely and timeless.

4 - Photos Courtesy of Backdrop Magazine

Bobcat Blasters

Bobcat Blasters is the NERF club on campus!

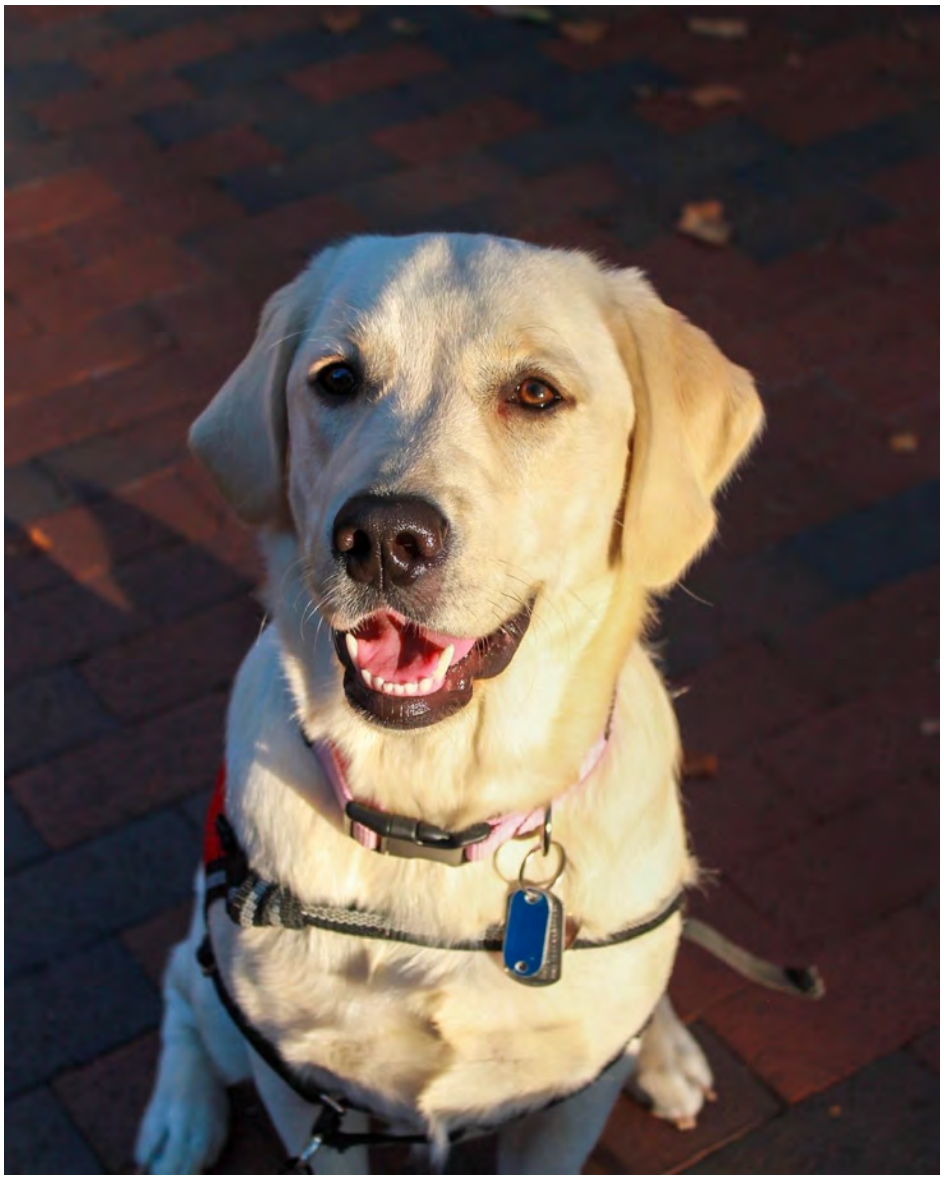
5 - Photos Courtesy of Bobcat Blasters

Our biggest even that we hold is called Humans vs Zombies, or HvZ for short! HvZ at its barebones is a game of infection tag that uses NERF blasters! Humans are the players with the blasters and zombies are the taggers! HvZ is run and organized by game moderators, game moderators can be anyone traditionally they are club officers. Anyone can run a game though, they just have to work with our officers to make sure everything is covered and expectations are met. The Destiny game for example we hosted friends from Pittsburgh Technical College after their university shutdown!

6 - Photo Courtesy of Bobcat Blasters

4 Paws

4 Paws for Ability at OU helps train and socialize service dogs-in-training to prepare them for their future placement with a child with disabilities or veterans with PTSD. This year, we had one of our dogs, Callie, advance to Advanced Training and she gets to graduate in May too! She ended up learning seizure alert, and we can't wait to see her working for her future family. We also hosted some fun events around campus to share our mission with everyone that includes Paws, Paint, and Punch! and the Fur Ball.



7 - Photo Courtesy of 4 Paws

Care Clinic

The Care Clinic is a student-run free clinic led by OUHCOM medical students. Working with Community Health Programs and OUHCOM physicians, we deliver essential care from primary care and medication support to preventive services for the Athens community.

This year, we've seen a surge in patient visits and follow-ups, driven by deeper engagement and improved care continuity. We've expanded our reach and improved patient access by strengthening partnerships with urgent care facilities, WIC, and other local organizations, while gaining a richer understanding of the pressing health needs in our community.

8 - Photo Courtesy of Care Clinic

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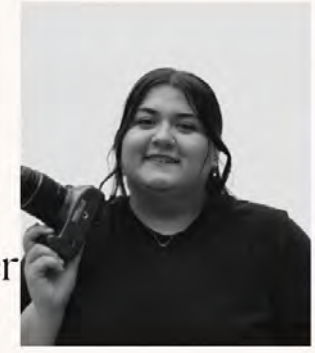

Letter from the Editor

As I sit down to write this final letter, I find myself holding a thousand moments in my hands; snapshots of laughter, late nights working on future portfolio pieces, walks across the renowned college green, and conversations that shaped who I am. I would like to welcome you to the one hundred and twentieth edition of The ATHENA. This edition isn't just another milestone; it is a testament to the life we have built here together at Ohio University.

For me, and for many of us, Ohio University has been more than just an institution. It has been a second home, a place that welcomed us with open arms and gave us the space to grow, stumble, and ultimately rise. Beneath the historic bricks and along the streets of campus, we found pieces of ourselves we didn't even know were missing. I realize that the beauty of this place is in the people who filled it: professors who instilled excitement for our careers, fellow students that offered support going through similar struggles and the friends who became family.

In four years, we have built this network around us that reflects who we have become. Whether personal or professional, these people make us who we are, and now we will leave it all. Though it is sad, there is also a sense of renewal for the community we will build in this next chapter. When we graduated from high school we were in the same place as we are now, facing the uncertainty of finding new friends and colleagues. But we did, we persevered and built such a strong community. I know that each and every one of us will do it again. This time, holding the experiences that we had in Athens and the wisdom we gained.

Thank you, Ohio University, for being the place where dreams were born, character was built, and lifelong friends were made. Thank you for being our foundation.

Here's to the 120th edition. Here's to every edition that came before. Here's to every chapter of ours still unwritten.

With bobcat pride,

Lilith Roberts

Editor-in-chief

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The layout and appearance differ between the web and PDF versions, but the text and photos are the same. See screenshot of the home page below, for comparison.

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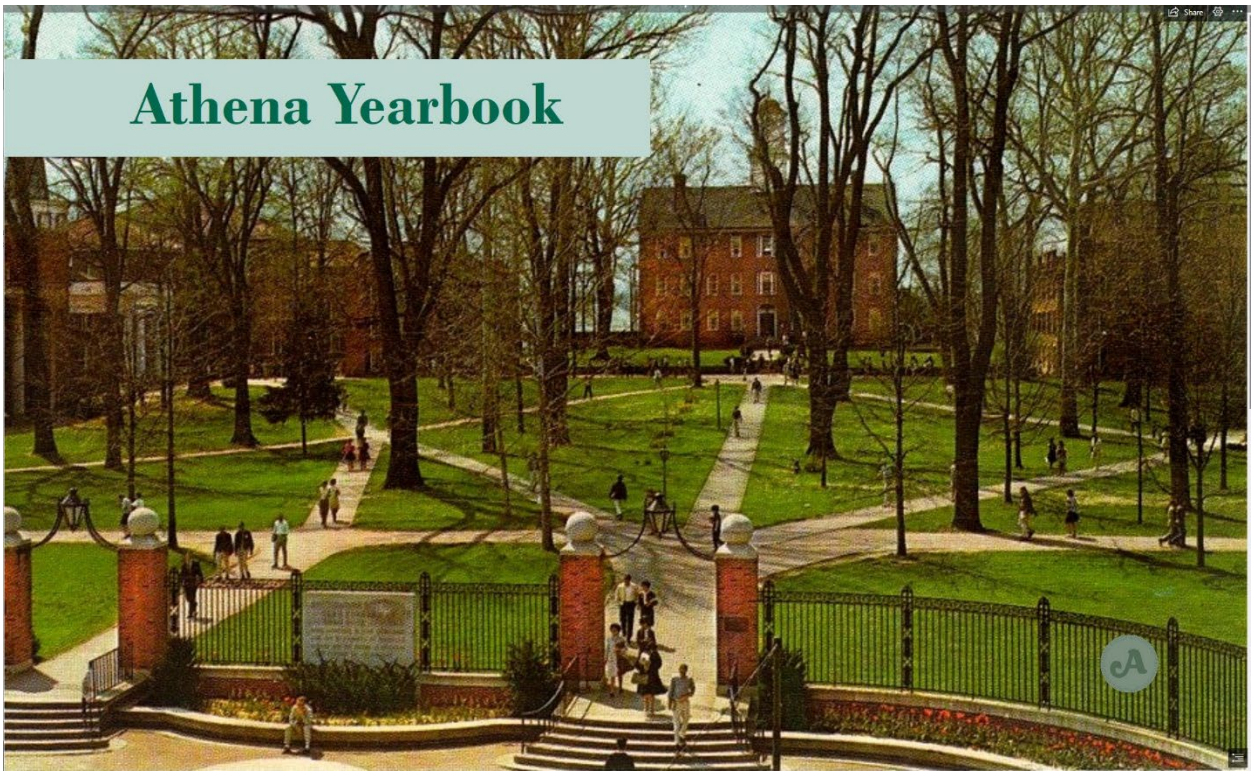

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